

2010 State Damage Prevention Program Grants Progress Report
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Project Title: Georgia Public Service Commission State Damage Prevention

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Specific Objective(s) of the Agreement

Under this grant agreement, the Georgia Public Service Commission will continue the enforcement actions enabled by the 2008 and 2009 State Damage Prevention Assistance Program grants awarded by PHMSA.

Workscope

- *Element (7):* Enforcement of State damage prevention laws and regulations for all aspects of the damage prevention process, including public education and the use of civil penalties for violations assessable by the appropriate State authority.
- *Element (9):* A process for review and analysis of the effectiveness of each program element, including a means for implementing improvements identified by such program reviews

Accomplishments for this period (Item 1 under Section 9.01 Progress Report: "A comparison of actual accomplishments to the objectives established for the period.")

The 2010 Grant request was to fund one field investigator for the last six month period of the grant, 7/1/2010 thru 12/31/2010. Additionally, the request provided for funds to be expended for the purchase of computer hardware as well as software development. The total amount to the Georgia Public Service Commission under the grant was \$100,000. To date the Commission has received \$50,013.54 of the grant amount. To date the Commission has incurred a total cost of \$49,851.88 for the field investigator for the six month period of 7/1/2010 thru 12/31/2010. To date the Commission has not purchased the computer hardware or undertaken the software development. The Commission will not be requesting the additional funds available under the grant.

The field investigator supported by this Grant has made a significant contribution to the Commission's damage prevention program. During this time, the field investigator investigated 380 cases, equating to 21.46 percent of the program's workload. Additionally, the field investigator conducted 10 training classes, with a total of 278 individuals present.

Regarding the Grant request for computer hardware and software development, the Grant request provided for the possibility of "covering those funds in a different manner if and when they are needed." This expenditure did not occur during the 7/1/2010 thru 12/31/2010 timeframe. Additionally, during this time, the Commission's Fiscal Officer

mistakenly applied reimbursement under the 2010 Base Grant. For this reason, the Commission will not be requesting the remainder of funds available under the grant.

Quantifiable Metrics/Measures of Effectiveness (Item 2 under Section 9.01 Project Report: “Where the output of the project can be quantified, a computation of the cost per unit of output.”)

The following metrics/measures have been applied as a method of identifying program effectiveness:

Investigator Activities			
Month	Case Investigations	Training Classes	Persons Trained
July	54	0	0
August	73	3	113
September	53	1	35
October	30	1	33
November	28	2	52
December	142	3	45
Total	380	10	278

Investigator Contribution to Program	
Total Cases	1771
Number of Investigations	380
Percent Contribution to Program	21.46%

Total case investigations for the program totaled 1,771. The field investigator supported by funding from this grant contributed to 21.46% of the program effectiveness.

Issues, Problems or Challenges (Item 3 under Section 9.01 Project Report: “The reasons for slippage if established objectives were not met.”)

The only issue during the report period is that the Commission decided not to carry thru with the computer software development and the hardware to support that development.

Final Financial Status Report

This report has been submitted to the AA in electronic form via e-mail.

The status of funds is as follows:

Salary	24,000.00
FICA	1,695.90
Retirement	2,498.40
Health	6,140.64
300 personal svcs	34,334.94
612 motor Veh operating exp	764.58
614 supplies/uniform	2,235.06
616 equipment not inventory	259.96
619 parking	480.00
640 travel	2,779.96
Total 301 regular operating	6,519.56
305 computer charge	22.99
307 voice/data communication	786.89
Supervisor Time	4,125.00
Total expense	41,664.38
Overhead	4,062.50
Grand Total	49,851.88

Plans for Next Period (Remainder of Grant)

The Georgia Public Service Commission will not be requesting the remaining funds available under this 2010 Grant. This grant was only used to fund one field investigator for a six month period (7/1/2010 thru 12/31/2010).

Requests of the AOTR and/or PHMSA

No actions requested at this time.